

not hundreds of thousands of dollars of preparation have gone into the implementation by the counties on this particular situation. I don't think that you're going to want to be or even risk being in a situation next year where you call it off one more time, incur additional tens of thousands. if not hundreds of thousands of dollars of expense, and also annoy the taxpayer, to say the least. It's too bad we were not able to do that which we wanted to do. But I think everybody recognizes that the situation, the economic situation, has changed in fact. I think the people out there recognize that. I think they recognize clearly now that the Legislature has had tremendous problems meeting its own budget this year, much less extending a great deal of new aid. I think they can understand this year what's happened to the homestead, but I think they will equally understand that next year is going to be a difficult year also. I don't think they're expecting you to do the homestead exemption this year or next year, but if you cause their expectations to rise, if you indicate once, give a mixed signal, indicate once again that we're going to do it and then don't do it, I think there is going to be a higher level of frustration there than what already exists and that is a level of frustration that can be expressed at the ballot box in May and/or in November. So it seems to me that discretion is the better course at this particular point in time and it seems to me that we're going to have a much better chance of doing what we say that we will do two years from now than we will next year and for that reason Senator Hoagland's extension of additional year really does make a lot of common sense.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, and also Senator Higgins, she made a comment about taking trips to Washington, I hope she remembers that when we went to Washington, Marge asked if she could go along with me. I just wondered if she forgot that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, are you listening?

SENATOR ROGERS: Senator Higgins, you mentioned about taking trips to Washington. I didn't want you to forget that last year you asked if you could go along with me, remember? You don't? Well, you did. I wasn't here when this bill was passed, but coming from central Nebraska I would have liked